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FEDERAL EXPRESS

October 28, 1992

Dave Novak (PS-19J)
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U.S. EPA, Region V
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Re: Himco Dump Superfund Site - Public Comments

Dear Mr. Novak:

The purpose of this correspondence is to bring to your attention, during the public comment period, information relating to the improper naming of Gaska Tape Inc. as a potentially responsible party ("PRP") at the Himco Dump Superfund Site ("site"). For your consideration and placement in the administrative record files, enclosed are letters previously submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("U.S. EPA"), Region V, requesting that Gaska Tape be deleted as a PRP at the site. (See correspondence dated September 19, 1990; February 21, 1991; February 25, 1991; April 30, 1991; July 10, 1991; August 10, 1992; August 31, 1992). We are continuing to negotiate with the U.S. EPA to have Gaska Tape deleted as a PRP in order to rectify its improper classification and wrongful involvement at this site.

Once the proper PRPs are named, the U.S. EPA may proceed with the appropriate clean up initiatives. The involvement of non-parties to this proceeding impairs U.S. EPA's ability to move ahead with remediation in an efficient, effective manner.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide public comment. If additional information is required to favorably evaluate this information, please feel free to contact me (312/977-9219) or E. Lynn Grayson (312/977-4343).

Very truly yours,


Dixie L. Laswell

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Enclosures

cc: Jack B. Smith, Jr.,
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August 31, 1992

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RE: Gaska Tape Inc./Himco Site
Our File No. 33052-00001

Dear Mary Elaine:

As discussed today, Gaska Tape Inc. requests a copy of the attendance list and any materials distributed at the August 19, 1992 meeting conducted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("U.S. EPA") to discuss the Himco Superfund Site in Elkhart, Indiana. Please transmit this information to my attention at the above-referenced Chicago address.

As further discussed, we understand that the list of potentially responsible parties ("PRPs") for the Himco Site is evolving and to date, is not yet considered final. As may be appropriate, Gaska Tape renews its offer to meet with the U.S. EPA to discuss its request to be deleted as a PRP at the Himco Site. (See attached documentation previously transmitted to the U.S. EPA).

If additional information is required to favorably evaluate Gaska Tape's request to be deleted as a PRP, please feel free to contact me at 312/977-4343.

Very truly yours,


E. Lynn Grayson

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cc: Jack B. Smith, Jr.
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April 30, 1991

Mr. Robert Lance (5HS-11)
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RE: EPA Region V ARCS Contract No. 68-W8-0093
EPA Work Assignment No. 16-5L4J
Donohue Project No. 20026.070

Correspondence with Hincos RFP attorney

Dear Mr. Lance:

I have been in correspondence with Lynn Grayson, an attorney with the law firm Cottfield Ungarrett Harris & Slavin. She represents Gaska Tape, Inc., one of the Hincos Dump RFPs who received a special notice of potential liability letter. Ms. Grayson was referred to me after speaking with Tom Mash and yourself.

The basis of our correspondence has been Ms. Grayson's efforts to have her client removed from the Hincos RFP list. Gaska Tape remains concerned that they have been notified of potential liability despite the fact that they claim to generate no hazardous waste. Ms. Grayson feels that her client has been incorrectly listed as a RFP.

Ms. Grayson is confident that the information she sent to EPA will prove that her client used Hincos Waste-Away Services between 1972 and 1976 to haul solid, not hazardous, waste. I believe you have her original February 21, 1991 letter; a copy was sent to me. I have had a copy placed in EPA's Gaska Tape file.

I indicated to Ms. Grayson that I would bring her efforts on behalf of her client to your attention. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 312/902-7059.

Very truly yours,

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February 25, 1991

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Our File No. 33052-00001

Dear Tom:

Per our recent telephone conversations, enclosed is the supplemental response of Gaska Tape Incorporated. If you have any questions or comments regarding the enclosed, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,


E. Lynn Grayson

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Enclosure